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SUBJECT: CODEL WILLIAMS/STEVENS

1. SUMMARY/INTRO: CODEL VISIT TO ANKARA WAS EXTENSIVELY COVERED  
IN TURKISH MEDIA IN STRAIGHTFORWARD FASHION. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT  
NOTED SO FAR. END SUMMARY/INTRO.

2. TURKISH ELECTRONIC MEDIA (RUN BY BBC-TYPE ORGANIZATION) REPORTED  
CODEL'S CALLS ON KORUTURK, ECEVIT AND DEMIREL IN MAIN NEWSCASTS  
EVENING FRI 13 JAN. STATEMENTS BY PRIMIN ECEVIT AND SENATOR WILLIAMS  
WERE CARRIED IN FULL. TV NEWSCAST HAD FILM COVERAGE OF  
ALL THREE CALLS.

3. ALL "BIG FIVE- NATIONAL DAILIES CARRIED REPORTS IN THEIR EDITIONS  
MORNING SAT 14 JAN. MOST EXTENSIVE COVERAGE WAS IN "MILLIYET"  
(253,000 -LIBERAL), WITH FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE "BOX" CALLING  
ATTENTION TO STORY AND PICTURE IN CENTERSPREAD (MAIN NEWS SECTION).  
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BESIDES QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM ECEVIT AND WILLIAMS STATEMENTS,  
STORY QUOTES WILLIAMS AFTER CALL ON ECEVIT AS SAYING DISCUSSION  
WAS "VERY, VERY USEFUL AND HELPFUL"; STORY ALSO QUOTES ECEVIT AS  
SAYING HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK SENATORS ABOUT WHEN EMBARGO WOULD  
BE LIFTED; "I ONLY EXPLAINED THAT THIS SUBJECT INTERESTS AMERICAN  
AND NATO AS MUCH AS TURKEY. BEYOND THAT IT'S THEIR AFFAIR."  
STORY ALSO NOTES BREAKFAST MEETING WITH TURKISH BUSINESSMEN IN

ISTANBUL.

4. "TERCUMAN" (320,000 -CONSERVATIVE) ALSO HAS LONG STORY, STARTING ON PAGE 1 WITH PICTURE OF BREAKFAST MEETING AND QUOTING WILLIAMS: "RESULTS OBTAINED FROM DISCUSSIONS WILL PLAY ROLE IN SOLVING DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

5. TURKEY'S TWO LARGEST CIRCULATING DAILIES, "HURRIYET" (471,000-MASS APPEAL) AND "GUNAYDIN (395,000 ASENSATIONAL), CARRY BRIEF BUT PROMINENT STORIES. "CUMHURIYET" (85,000-LEFTIST) ADDS ITS COVERAGE TO END OF LONG STORY ABOUT ECEVIT'S ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL, QUOTES HIM AS SAYING IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT EMBARGO: "I DIDN'T ASK ANYTHING ON THIS SUBJECT. I DIDN'T DWELL MUCH ON EMBARGO."

6. ECEVIT STATMENT IN ENGLISH TO SENATORS, REPEATING WHAT HE TOLD PRESS IN TURKISH:

"I TOLD THEM THAT IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AND THAT WE HAVE CLOSE AND HISTORIC TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES,AND WE KNOW THE ACTIVNESS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIOS, SO THAT IT'S A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO HAVE A CHANCE OF MEETING THE DISTINGUISHED SENATORS FROM THE UNITED STATES SOON AFTER I'VE TAKNE OVER OFFICE."  
WILLIAMS REPLY:

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"IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR US TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY, MR PRIME MINISTER. WE KNOW THAT THIS METING THAT WE ARE TO ENJOY TODAY WITH YOU COMES AT THE BUSIEST TIME IN ANY PERSON'S LIFE, AS YOU'VE JUST TAKEN YOUR POSITION AND DELIVERED YOUR PROGRAM TO THIS NATION, AND SO WE'RE HONORED THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS TIME TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS A WARM FRIENDSHIP AND AN ALLIANCE THAT HAS STOOD THE TEST, AND WE KNOK WILL CONTINUE TO STAND THE TEST OF BEING A PART OF THE FREE WORLD ALLIANCE EXPRESSION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES."  
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